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# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

Masaru Kuramoto et al.

Appeal No. 2009-13808

Application No.: 11/521,429

Confirmation No.: 1562

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For: LASER DIODE AND LASER DIODE DEVICE

Examiner: M. W. Carter

REQUEST FOR MODIFICATION OF ORAL HEARING DATE

MS Appeal Brief-Patents Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

### INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is a request for a modification of the Oral Hearing date for either Appeal No. 2009-13808 or Appeal No. 2009-012063.

An appeal of the final decision of the Examiner in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 11/521,429, the instant application on appeal, is identifiable as Appeal No. 2009-13808.

A related Request for Appeal No. 2009-012063 is being filed in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/811,246.

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#### 1. BACKGROUND

#### a. Appeal No. 2009-13808

Appeal No. 2009-13808 is the appeal in the instant application.

The "Notice of Hearing Confirmation Required Within Twenty-One Days" dated June 11, 2010 requests a confirmation for attending the Oral Hearing before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences ("the Board") in Appeal No. 2009-13808 scheduled for July 20, 2010 at 9:00 AM.

As an initial reply to the Notice, a confirmation for attendance at the Oral Hearing for Appeal No. 2009-13808 was filed by facsimile on June 17, 2010.

A copy of the confirmation for attendance at the Oral Hearing for Appeal No. 2009-13808 is provided as an attachment to this Request.

## b. Appeal No. 2009-012063

Appeal No. 2009-012063 is the appeal in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/811,246.

A "Notice of Hearing Confirmation Required Within Twenty-One Days" dated June 11, 2010 requests a confirmation for attending an Oral Hearing before the Board in Appeal No. 2009-012063 scheduled for July 20, 2010 at 9:00 AM.

However, the hearing date and time of July 20, 2010 at 9:00 AM is in conflict with the Oral Hearing regarding Appeal No. 2009-13808.

A copy of the confirmation for attendance at the Oral Hearing for Appeal No. 2009-012063 is also provided as an attachment to this Request. Application No. 11/521,429

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## 2. RELIEF

At the discretion of the Board, modification of the Oral Hearing date for either Appeal No. 2009-13808 or Appeal No. 2009-012063 from July 20, 2010 to another date is respectfully requested.

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